

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,554.82
% change	0.22%
DS30 Index	2,151.86
% change	0.39%
DSES Index	1,105.94
% change	0.43%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,654.70
Turnover (USD mn)	46.23
% change	-31.45%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.63%
S&P 500	6,946.13
% change	0.81%
Nikkei 225	59,326.00
% change	2.39%
FTSE 100	10,806.41
% change	1.18%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.31
EUR	143.96	144.00
GBP	164.95	164.99
INR	1.34	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
25-Feb-26	9.60-11.00	9.85
24-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.85

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	70.69	0.16%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,171.16	0.45%
Cotton, USD/lb.	66.17	0.93%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.22% on the last trading day, closing at 5,554.82 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 31.45% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the leading global indices rose during the last trading day.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, posted a 2.39% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.85%, standing between 9.60% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.16%, gold price rose by 0.45%, and cotton price rose by 0.93% last day.

Economic Outlook

Abrupt ouster of Ahsan H Mansur draws sharp criticism

- The government's sudden removal of Ahsan H. Mansur as governor of Bangladesh Bank without prior notice has sparked sharp criticism from economists, bankers and analysts, who see the process and timing as troubling for institutional independence and worry it may undermine ongoing banking reforms.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/abrupt-ouster-ahsan-h-mansur-draws-sharp-criticism-4115151>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Imtiaz U Ahmed appointed as MD of Midland Bank

- Imtiaz U Ahmed appointed as MD of Midland Bank, Imtiaz U. Ahmed has been appointed as the new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Midland Bank PLC, bringing over 25 years of banking experience and expertise across corporate/institutional banking, export financing, compliance, and treasury management to lead the bank's growth and transformation efforts.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/imtiaz-u-ahmed-appointed-md-midland-bank-4115101>

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Finance minister seeks garment leaders suggestions' to ease business costs

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has sought suggestions from business leaders on why the cost of doing business is rising, what bureaucratic obstacles they face and what measures are needed to ease operations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/finance-minister-seeks-garment-leaders-suggestions-ease-business-costs-1371316>

Capital Market

DSEX jumps 85 points as central bank policy fuels market rally

- The Dhaka stock market rebounded strongly on the back of fresh policy support from the central bank, with investors cheering the relaxation of down payment requirements for loan rescheduling amid ongoing stress in the banking sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-jumps-85-points-central-bank-policy-fuels-market-rally-1369501>

CDBL to apply for custodian licence to strengthen MF oversight

- The Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd. (CDBL) is set to take on the role of custodian of mutual funds (MFs) in a move aimed at expanding its portfolio and playing a supportive role in the MF industry.
- The company, which has so far provided only depository services, will apply for the licence required for the new role within a week, sources at the organisation said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cdbl-to-apply-for-custodian-licence-to-strengthen-mf-oversight-1772038747>

BSEC earnings drop 14% in FY25

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) reported a 14% decline in its overall earnings to Tk105 crore in the 2024–25 fiscal year, mainly due to a sharp fall in income from fines, fees and licensing, according to its annual report.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-earnings-drop-14-fy25-1371346>

DSE turnover plunges 31%

- The DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), rose 12 points to close at 5,554. The blue-chip DS30 index also advanced, gaining 8 points to settle at 2,151. Of the total issues traded during the session, 154 advanced, 167 declined and 72 remained unchanged, indicating a mixed market breadth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-plunges-31-1371356>

InterContinental Hotel's losses narrow to Tk38cr in H1

- Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL), the owner of InterContinental Dhaka, has reported a 24% year-on-year reduction in losses in the first half of the current fiscal year, though the state-run hospitality firm continues to struggle with heavy debt and accumulated losses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intercontinental-hotels-losses-narrow-tk38cr-h1-1371351>

BSEC issues show-cause to DSE officials over Central Pharma share transfer

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has issued show-cause notices to officials of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) PLC over the controversial transfer of pledged shares of Central Pharmaceuticals Limited to IDLC Investment Limited, citing alleged violations of securities laws.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bsec-issues-show-cause-dse-officials-over-central-pharma-share-transfer-1371371>